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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**Atty. Docket Number:  
500.45682X00**Mail Stop: AMEND - FEE**

In re Application of: K. AOTA, et al.

Application Number: 10/560,225

Filed: December 12, 2005

For: FRICTION STIRRING-WELDING METHOD

Group Art Unit: 1793  
Confirm. No: 2697

Examiner: Kiley Shawn Stoner

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</b>	<b>\$1,110.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1,730.00
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